

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017
5:00 PM**

Present: James Crawford, Harold Pfothenauer, Karen Sanchez, Richard Schadewald, Jay Tibbetts

Excused: Joe Van Deurzen, Susan Paulus-Smith

Staff Present: Anna Destree, Rob Gollman, Ann Steinberger, Erik Pritzl, Nicci Beeck, Kris Kovacic, Rebecca Nyberg, Andrea Schultz, Patti Zich (minutes recorder)

1. Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions

Chairman Richard Schadewald called the meeting to order.

2. Approval / Modification of the Agenda

MOTION: To modify the agenda to move Item 7 behind Item 9 and to move Item 12 before Item 6.

Crawford / Pfothenauer

MOTION CARRIED.

3. Approval of Minutes of meeting of February 2, 2017

MOTION: To approve the minutes from February 2, 2017.

Crawford / Pfothenauer

MOTION CARRIED.

4. Community Engagement Division Presentation

The Health Educators introduced themselves, including Andrea Schultz, Kris Kovacic, Rebecca Nyberg and Nicci Beeck. Anna shared the proposed organizational structure which there will be one nurse manager to focus on the nursing efforts and one community health education manager to focus on our community engagement activities. With the merger of Health and Human Services and also the maternal child health nurse manager vacancy, it is an opportunity to streamline services, prevent duplication of efforts and provide population based services. Anna reviewed the handout and identified key areas of oversight for each manager including the proposed organization chart and span of control.

Andrea Schultz explained how public health interprets data in order to implement evidence-based practices and community programming, to prevent death and disease and to improve quality of life across the life span. Ms. Schultz stated the shift in public health is away from providing individual services and now toward providing population-level programming. That includes looking at systems already in place and making sure they are adequate.

Kris Kovacic stated there are grant opportunities that exist at the national, state and local level that we have not been able to take advantage of, and this new proposal allows public health to pursue them in a coordinated way.

Nicci Beeck indicated that data driven public health needs and services must be prioritized. The state requires the Department of Health Services to create a public health agenda that is done every 10 years and is fulfilled through Healthiest Wisconsin 2020 and what trickles down to the different counties is a Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). In Brown County we have identified goals and priorities and have coalitions that work on the priorities.

Rebecca Nyberg indicated that prevention costs less than providing medical care after an illness or injury. The role of public health is to look at the data, determine what is happening and why it is happening and see what we can do to prevent it.

Ann Steinberger indicated the nurses will still be involved in the community coalitions however there is going to be a coordinated effort. In the past it was fragmented having two nurse managers. She states the new division will be able to promote health messaging while the nurses can focus on the client population assessments, interventions and investigations.

Rob Gollman is in support of the new division. He states there is an opportunity for a certified food manager course in the future, environmental health grants, and help developing pictographic signage which may be helpful to the non-English speaking population.

Karen Sanchez asked where the grant writing time would come from. Ann Steinberger indicated there was duplication of duties by having two nurse managers. Jim Crawford asked specifically what the new manager would do. Anna indicated the new manager would work with the Public Health Officer on the initiatives. The Health Officer works on the CHIP and the new manager will work on community health assessment priorities. Anna would be working with the new manager to direct where our priorities are and activities to support the CHIP process and community.

5. Comments from the Public

None.

6. Receive new information on wind turbines – standing item.

MOTION: To suspend the rules to hear from interested parties

Tibbetts / Pfothenhauer

MOTION CARRIED.

Jim Vanden Boogart – 7463 Holy-Mor Road, Greenleaf, WI. Mr. Vanden Boogart stated at the February 15, 2017 Board of Supervisors meeting, Herb Coussons MD gave a presentation entitled *Wind Energy: Science, Medical Facts and Local Patients*. Jim prepared a transcript of that presentation and is providing a copy of that to the Board of Health along with Dr. Coussons' curriculum vitae. He also stated there are several YouTube videos online which can be found by searching Dr. Herb Coussons.

Barbara Vanden Boogart – 7463 Holy-Mor Road, Greenleaf, WI. Barbara Vanden Boogart submitted article entitled "*The Secret, Silent Wind-Power Peril*," Parts I, II and III, by Helen Schweisow Parker, PhD., a Licensed Clinical Psychologist, dated February 8, 2017, for the record. Ms. Vanden Boogart read excerpts directly from this report, Part II.

7. Discussion of potential Health Department move to Sophie Beaumont Building

Chairman Schadewald updated the Board of Health that he met with the County Executive and Department Heads. At the Executive Committee the \$97,000 carryover passed unanimously will be used as part of the move and will go before the Board of Supervisors tomorrow. If it passes the County Executive's plan is to look at all proposals and come up with an actual cost. He states there is a potential buyer for the current building and the new owner may want a 3 or 5 year lease. Things are coming together for a decision to be made. Mr. Schadewald indicated the lab has state requirements. Erik Pritzl indicated they have to look at public accessibility and public parking.

8. Environmental Division Update

Rob Gollman submitted a report and summarized lab procedures performed. Rob is concerned the lab will get cut when it comes to the move and public accessibility. He reported during radon promotion month we sold 26 kits at the promotion price versus 1 at the regular price. Rob also reported we are fully staffed in EH. Mr. Schadewald told Rob that the EH division is a big part of discussions when it comes to moving the department. Erik indicated his conversations talked about the importance of the lab. Rob believes we are the only lab statewide who does water testing for licensed pools.

Crawford stated the DNR draft air permit will be ready for public comment by April. He would like to review the air permit for the citizenry and have Health Department give comments on improving the air permit. Schadewald stated that there is county protocol and procedures as to who speaks for Brown County.

9. Nursing Division Update

Ann handed out a report on influenza season. Ann also expressed the importance of the lab. The nursing division handles and processes specimens, such as blood, stool, and sputum.

Ann stated each year we have to order our vaccine for the next season and we purchased quite a bit of state supplied or free flu vaccine that we were able to give out for the children and that supply has been used up. This year we purchased a large amount of vaccine for This Is Public Health, however we still have that vaccine available. If people request it we have been giving it. The vaccine expires the end of April. Crawford asked if

we give it free. Ann stated we ask for a donation. It is only because we purchased a large amount of vaccine for "This Is Public Health Event" as this was unique and will not happen next year. Ann states there is so much adult vaccine available in the community.

10. Communicable Disease Resolution

Ann wanted to let the Board know that we are working on a Resolution to submit to Administration for communicable disease funding. The local health departments throughout the State have been asked by the Wisconsin Public Health Association and the Wisconsin Association of Local Public Health Boards to have a resolution to send down to the state legislators to show support for communicable disease funding in the budget process. Ann states the majority of the counties around us have already approved the resolution.

11. Interim Health Officer's Report

Anna stated 2017 is the year of the CHA (Community Health Assessment). It is the process we go through to identify what our priorities will be in our Community Health Improvement Plan. Because of turnovers on the committee, they are just getting started. Anna shared the timeline. The goal is to get our data collected and have that presented at a community engagement meeting in October. We will then present to the community what they feel are the priorities. They will vote on them and that will drive what the CHIP will look like next year. CHA is the process leading up to it and CHIP is what comes from the CHA. The Health Officer handles the CHA process.

Erik wanted to highlight and note that tomorrow night at the County Board meeting the County Executive's appointment for the Health Officer, Anna Destree, will be voted on for confirmation.

12. Review of statutory duties of an interim health director or health director

Jim Crawford stated before the merger rumor was that the health director could close a beach due to E.coli and in theory close down Shirley wind turbines if it was demonstrated to the director that they were a health hazard and wondered if anything had changed with the new position, Public Health Officer. Richard Schadewald indicated that statutory there is no difference because of the title. Erik stated the health officer makes the decision based on the information in front of them as an independent statutory protected decision. Mr. Crawford would like to see if the anti-wind turbine lobbyist asks the health director to make a decision on wind turbines that they are a health hazard that it come to the Board first to advise the director what to do. Mr. Schadewald indicated the health officer has statutory duties they have to fulfill. The Board of Health is advisory. Jim states what we can do is review the 2014 decision that it is a health hazard and advise the public differently in the future.

13. Correspondence

None.

14. All Other Business Authorized by Law

None.

15. Adjournment / Next Meeting Schedule

MOTION: To adjourn meeting at 6:16 PM

Crawford / Pfothenhauer

MOTION CARRIED

NEXT MEETING: May 9, 2017 5:00 PM